Title of Hearing: Social Security at 75 Years

To the Members of the House Ways and Means Committee:

I am writing concerning the Government Pension Offset and Windfall Elimination Provisions and the need to repeal unfair offsets that are in place at the present time.

While teaching for 30 years in public school in Connecticut I contributed to the state teacher retirement fund. During these teaching years Connecticut did not deduct from my paycheck for social security retirement. However, like most underpaid, teachers I had to supplement my income working all sorts of outside employment for which social security retirement was deducted. Even though I have easily satisfied the 40 quarter requirement to collect for my money paid in, the unfair offsets plagued upon Connecticut and other states will not allow me my full benefits. I understand the benefit will be drastically lower. This is unfair while most states allow the full benefit to be realized. It is time to allow those who have worked and paid into this system to get their full benefit from it.

Sincerely, Edward Zarolinski